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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

PRODUCTION METHOD AND PRODUCTION APPARATUS FOR MAGNETIC

RECORDING MEDIUM

By (Inventors):

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\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-15; 10 sheets) are attached.
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
\boxtimes	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
\boxtimes	This patent application is assigned to TDK CORPORATION.
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
	A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-101570 filed April 4, 2003 in Japan and 2003-058381 filed March 5, 2003 in
	Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
	A constituted company of the above assumed that form the constitution is \$100.000.

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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